

Section II - Values and Goals

A. PROCESS

In updating the Plan, the Advisory Committee went back and identified continued and new hazards, reassessed vulnerability, and reassessed the Town's capability to mitigate natural hazards. Following completion of these background analyses, the Advisory Committee reaffirmed the set of community values and goals previously established by the initial Plan with a general agreement that the impacts of drought must be addressed.

The Advisory Committee was particularly interested as part of the Plan update to seek the public's input on their perception of the likelihood, magnitude and impact each type of natural hazard might have on the community. Six (6) members of the public attended a public meeting at Town Hall on November 10, 2008 at 6:00pm as mentioned in Section I of this report. After viewing a slide presentation on the purpose of the Hazard Mitigation Plan Update, members of the public received instructions and were asked to fill out a vulnerability assessment sheet. Upon completion, Town staff produced the composite ranking for each hazard. The Advisory Committee was apprised of the results of the public meeting and found them to mirror their own rankings. The meeting's notice of advertisement, sign-in sheet, slide show and vulnerability assessment sheets can be found in Appendix D. The public made no comments on the values and goals, and the Advisory Committee agreed they should remain the same with the addition of one specific goal to reduce the impacts of drought.

B. GOALS

The community goals are broad in scope. They continue to serve as the basis for formulation of mitigation strategies and policies. Some of the goals address specific hazards (goals 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7) while others address the Town's overall ability to reduce the impact of natural hazards and better educate residents about hazards before they occur (goals 1, 2, and 8). The goals are as follows.

1. Generally reduce the impact of all natural hazards.
2. Establish plans for public education and outreach.
3. Specifically reduce the impact of flooding.
4. Specifically reduce the impact of hurricanes.
5. Specifically reduce the impact of tornadoes and severe thunderstorms.



6. Specifically reduce the impact of winter storms/freezes.
7. Improve technical capability.
8. Specifically reduce the impact of drought.

Once the goal statements were completed, mitigation strategies and policies were assigned to each of the goals. These strategies and policies are outlined in Section III.

